

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the paragraph starting on page 1, line 1 to read:

-- The invention relates to a workpiece coated with a layer system ~~according to the preamble of patent claims 1 and 4~~, as well as a method for the production of such a workpiece ~~according to the preamble of patent claims 18 and 20~~. Preferred embodiments of the invention are disclosed ~~claimed in the corresponding dependent claims 2 to 3, 5 to 17; as well as 19 and 21 to 27.~~ --